

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 12, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Title II Youthful Offenders Grant**

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution appropriating \$75,000 to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund, with resources of \$75,000 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Title II Youthful Offenders grant program.

### SUMMARY:

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has awarded the City of Lynchburg \$75,000 through the Title II Youthful Offenders grant program. The goal is to develop model initiatives at the local level which interrupt the cycle of penetration into the juvenile justice system for youth under the age of fourteen at the time of initial court contact, and to provide an independent evaluation of the initiative. Although small in numbers, youthful offenders who persist in crime present a disproportionate threat to public safety. Many of these youth and their families are already known to the human services system and consume large amounts of resources in several systems, including schools, social services and mental health services. A focus on young offenders provides opportunities for early intervention and an overall reduction in juvenile crime. The Title II grant will allow for the implementation of Family Group Conferencing (FGC), a family-centered process of making decisions about the care and safety of children, as well as resources for supportive services for families. FGC recognizes that families have the best information about themselves in order to make well-informed decisions, and emphasizes that families have the responsibility to not only care for, but also provide a sense of identity for their children. The Virginia Supreme Court and local Juvenile Domestic Relations Court Judges have endorsed FGC.

### PRIOR ACTION (S):

March 5, 2002: Finance and Planning Committee

### FISCAL IMPACT:

One hundred percent (100%) reimbursed by DCJS through June 30, 2003. There is no local match requirement with Title II funding, however the amount funded by DCJS is decreased after the initial grant period.

### CONTACT (S):

Diana Trent                847-1776  
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### ATTACHMENT (S):

Award letter from DCJS  
Resolution

### REVIEWED BY:

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That \$75,000 is appropriated to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund, wit resources of \$75,000 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Title II Youthful Offenders grant program.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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December 18, 2001

Mr. L. Kimball Payne, III  
City Manager  
City of Lynchburg  
P. O. Box 60  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505

Title: Young Juvenile Offender Program

Dear Mr. Payne:

I am pleased to advise you that grant number **02-A3914JJ01** for the above-referenced grant program has been approved for a total amount of \$75,000 in Federal Funds.

Enclosed you will find a Statement of Grant Award and a Statement of Grant Award Special Conditions. To indicate your acceptance of the award and conditions, please sign the award acceptance and return it to Janice Waddy, Grants Administrator, at the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Please review the conditions carefully; as some require action on your part before we will disburse grant funds.

When we receive documentation showing that you have complied with the conditions, you will be eligible to request funds awarded under this grant. A **REQUEST FOR FUNDS** form is also included with this letter and should be used for this purpose. You may request funds at the same time you submit the documentation of compliance with the grant conditions or at any time thereafter. However, we cannot process your request until we have received and approved all required information.

We appreciate your interest in this grant program and will be happy to assist you in any way we can to assure your project's success. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Bacot at (804) 642-2720.

Yours very truly,

  
Joseph B. Benedetti

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Tamara Rosser, Coordinator  
Mr. Michael Hill, Finance Director  
Nancy Bacot, DCJS